

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

**Title 40: Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks**

**Part 5: Museum of Natural Science**

**Part 5, Chapter 2: Regulations regarding non-game and endangered species.**

*RULE 2.2 REGULATIONS REGARDING TURTLES AND TORTOISES.*

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B. Be it further ordered that the introduction of gasoline, kerosene, or any other chemical into the burrows dug by a gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*), whether or not those burrows are occupied by gopher tortoises or have been abandoned, is prohibited.

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